

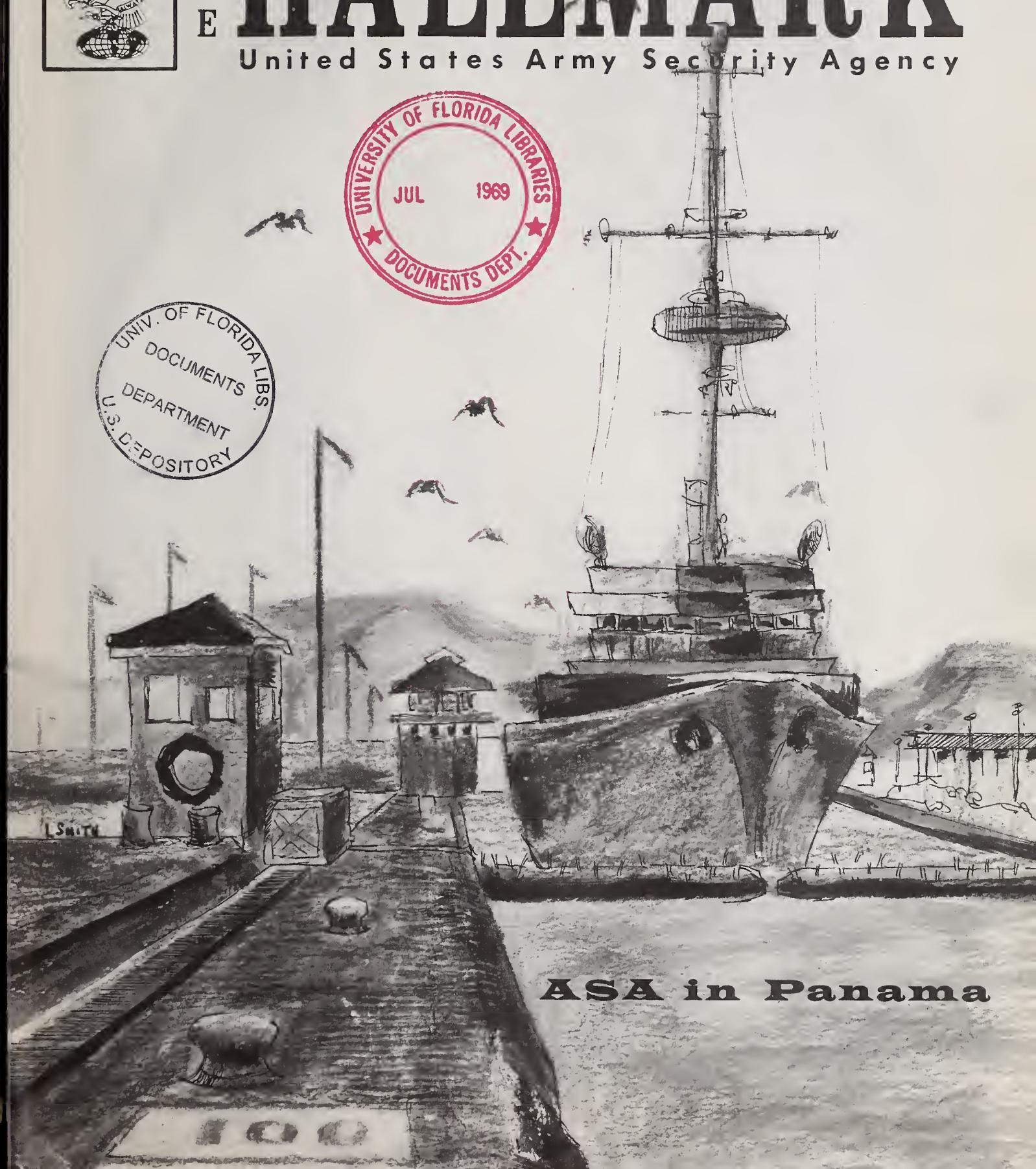
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ASA in Panama

Ballad Of the Men On the Hill

A sense of humor and flair for the hyperbolic is evident in the poem below by SP5 Fred O. Kemp Jr. of USASA Operations Company, Kanghwado, Korea. It describes a severe snowstorm that struck the area in January, isolating the operations compound atop a 1,545-foot mountain. Snow piled up four feet deep on the three-mile-long dirt road up the mountain. We reprint, with permission from "The Kimchi Pot," serving USASA Group Korea.

By SP5 Fred O. Kemp Jr.

For forty hours without sleep,
They sweated on that bloody hill,
The snow piled higher, four feet deep
Around the men of Iron-Clad will.

The food was gone, the water too,
And still the men worked on and on,
Never halting, ever true,
All through the night, all through the dawn.

Murray crawled to SGT Joe,
"I'm starving, Sarge," he tearfully said,
"My tongue is parched, my strength is low,"
Yet still his phones were on his head.

Hender crawled to SGT Jay
"I've lost my playing cards," he said.
"What shall I do throughout the day?"
Yet still his phones were on his head.

Up the hill came fearless Hoss,
Behind, his men dropped one by one,
Heedless of the awful loss,
Caring but that duty's done.

"To the rescue, on" he cried,
As swirling snow engulfed them all.
On he came with quickened stride,
And stepped right off the mountain side.

Communication now is lost and gone,
Ice is hanging from the walls.
Still the men worked on and on;
Vigilance and duty calls.

One week later, Completely still,
The bright sun shone on the windswept hill.
In Sorrow, those that found them said
"Earphones sat on each OP's head."

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OUR COVER

SP4 Larry E. Smith, an illustrator at Headquarters, offers his interpretation of a ship passing through one of the Panama Canal locks.

TC&S Joins FS Taiwan To Help Orphanage

The gift of clothes to small, parentless children who have known only cold and hunger can be a rewarding experience. They thank you in a special way: with a broad, contagious smile.

Since mid-1968, there has been an influx of American prosperity into the small Chung Hsing Orphanage at Taipei, Taiwan. Recently, that influx was augmented.

A joint effort by USASA Field Station Taiwan personnel and officers' wives at USASA TC&S, Ft. Devens, Mass., resulted in 30 boxes of used clothing for the orphanage.

Collected by the wives at TC&S, the clothing was then sent some 9,000

miles to FS Taiwan, whose men relayed it on to the Taipei orphanage with the best wishes of all. About 80 children are wards of the orphanage.

Recently, USASAFS Taiwan partook in a similar mission with US Armed Forces Taiwan to present the orphanage with 54 school uniforms.

ASA men have given the children such items as a washing machine, blankets and new athletic equipment, and have assisted in projects like replacing broken windows, repairing plumbing, painting and installing a new water system. Commanding officer at USASAFS Taiwan is LTC Norman J. Bacon, who himself participated in the clothing drive. ■

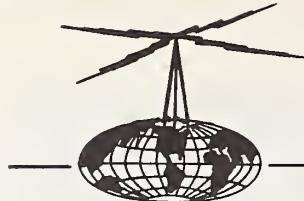


1SG Frank Gilman carries a box of clothes and a small, happy friend.



At left, Miss Chun Wen-ching, director of Chung Hsing Orphanage, stands with orphans and USASAFS Taiwan members LTC Norman J. Bacon, 1SG Frank Gilman, SFC Guy Pelletier, SP5 Paul Powell and CW3 Roland Carlson. In far left bottom photo, LTC Bacon shows shirt to a girl who seems to doubt its fit. Center, two girls do their part in carrying the clothes. Below right, PFC Mark Brandes places a new cap on an orphaned girl.





Pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



LTC John H. Urey, Protestant Chaplain, left, introduces H.I.M. Haile Selassie I to CPT James Bradley, Catholic Chaplain, right, on the Emperor's tour of the Chapel annex.

(Photo by SP4 Francis S. Sontegay)

ETHIOPIA

Asmara—The new Kagnew Station Chapel annex, which went into construction last July was completed in time for the 1969 visit of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I. His Majesty, touring the most recent addition to the only Army installation in Africa, commented that it seemed strange to have kitchen facilities in a chapel.

Indeed, the new chapel annex does appear strange with kitchen facilities. LTC John H. Urey, Post Chaplain, explained to the Emperor, "the annex is used for both social activities and religious services."

VIRGINIA

Vint Hill Farms—Two men here have been selected for inclusion in the 1969 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

SP5 Thomas R. Himes, Director of Youth Activities, and SP5 Joe A.

Lister, (now discharged) post Boy Scout Leader, were chosen because they "have distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."

ARIZONA

Ft. Huachuca—The USASAT&EC here is especially proud of its record in the Ft. Huachuca Soldier of the Month competition. In the last five months USASAT&EC men have captured the honor four times. The last three have been in succession. To further the sweep, three men are from the same duty section.

As representatives of a 150-man unit, the men have been selected over representatives of units of full company-size or larger. The men are: SP5s Michael P. Danko, December 1968; Joseph T. Kollar, February 1969; James J. Elandera, March 1969; Christopher G. Peter, April 1969.

PANAMA

Ft. Clayton—Personnel of SOUTH-COM wound up their 1969 Benefit Association campaign with \$3,000 in contributions.

The money was accumulated through contributions from Army Security Agency members, ASA Wives Club donations, bake sales and a drawing sponsored by the unit and held at the Ft. Clayton PX.

The USASA Benefit Association is the worldwide organization that provides immediate financial assistance to next of kin and financial education assistance to children of military personnel who die while on duty with ASA.

LTC William C. Davidson, commander, presented MG Charles J. Denholm with the \$3,000-SOUTH-COM check during the week of the commanders conference. CSM David O. Paxton and Mrs. Davidson attended the presentation.



NCOs from Herzo Base move through reception line comprised of the Command Sergeants Major, left to right, Hurley S. Tucker, USASAE; Clifford M. Charron, USASA; Allen C. McLean, FS Herzo, and (partially hidden) Jerry S. Holub, 318th USASA Bn, Herzo. CSMs Charron and Tucker were at Herzo in March. Above reception was a first-night welcome at the NCO Club.



SFC Stubbs takes the oath of reenlistment from 2LT Gerald B. Anderson as LTC William T. Russell (right) and CPT Royce D. Harbor (left) look on in the near-zero weather.

(Photo by SP5 Tom Gleason)

MASSACHUSETTS

Ft. Devens—It was a cold day last February 25th, but even a blizzard couldn't stop SFC Reginald C. Stubbs from reenlisting for another six years. A cartoon which appeared in the January issue of THE HALLMARK depicting Ft. Devens' cold, snowy weather prompted SFC Stubbs to take the oath in one of Ft. Devens' worst blizzards.

SFC Stubbs has been in four branches of the Army—the Infantry, Quartermaster, Engineers and Transportation. He has served 12 years with ASA and commented while shivering in the blustery weather that the Agency is the best. "I am proud to serve in the ASA," he said. "It has the highest quality of men."

GERMANY

Herzo—A new literary review, "ASSAY," was born recently at Herzo Base, and is accepting original writings of Herzo soldiers, dependents and civilians for possible publication.

The first issue of "ASSAY" appeared May 9. SP4s Art Wicks, Paul O'Connor and Steve Ducey, all of Co A, Field Station, make up the editorial board with assistance provided by the girls of the Herzo Serv-

ice Club and Library. The magazine will publish works of poetry, short stories, essays, short drama and fine arts criticism.

The "Tournament of Knowledge" team from Herzo was chosen during tryouts recently at the Herzo Service Club. Tournament of Knowledge is a "College Bowl" type competition, fashioned after the popular TV show of the same name.

In this the second year of tourney the team will be out to improve on its 2d place finish of last year—it lost to Heidelberg in the last 5 seconds of play in the all USAREUR Championship Match.

This year's team is little changed from last year's: SP4s Dale Priest, Joe Howard, Dean McMurray and SP5 Ron Zielinski all repeated in the tryouts. The only new member is 1LT Richard Lucy, who will join the team as alternate. Each Service Club in USAREUR fields a team and one by one they are eliminated in the three-month-long tourney season.

COL Allen J. Mauderly turns the command of the 509th over to COL Richard A. Grodin, right.

FLORIDA

Homestead—Members of the US-ASAFS Homestead, recently had the honor of being among those on hand to welcome President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon and their daughter Patricia as they arrived at Homestead Air Force Base enroute to their winter home in Key Biscayne. The Nixon family had just returned from the funeral of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Kansas and planned to spend the weekend in Miami Beach before returning to the White House.

VIETNAM

Saigon—In a ceremony held here recently COL Allen J. Mauderly turned over command of the 509th Radio Research Group to COL Richard A. Grodin.

COL Mauderly assumed command of the 509th on Sept. 20, 1968. He had previously served in Vietnam as an advisor to ARVN units in 1956-57.

COL Mauderly termed his period of command of the 509th as a "fleshing out period, a time when all activities of the Group were improved with an emphasis on professionalism and accuracy."

The new Group Commander, COL Grodin, has served as commander of the Southern Command in Panama, XO of TC&S at Ft. Devens, and Deputy CO of the 509th.



ODCSPER

□ Policy on School Early Outs Clarified—Requests for early release from the Army to attend civilian schools received recently at DA indicate that unit commanders and personnel officers are not advising applicants of educational institutions which are accredited for this program.

The governing regulation—Section VIII, AR 635-200—states that eligible schools must be listed in Part III of the Education Directory published by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This directory is distributed annually to the field.

Among other qualifications, the school must offer courses leading to a junior college or college degree. Trade and business schools are not included.

A disapproved application for an early out results in personal disappointment and sometimes possible loss of registration fees by the applicant. It's important that those requesting an early out for school make sure the school they are applying to is listed in the HEW directory.

□ Subdued Insignia Changeover Suspended—Mandatory changeover date for worldwide wear of subdued insignia on field and work uniforms, originally set for July 1, 1969 has been suspended. The new changeover date will be announced by DA when manufacturers can make the insignia available. At that time, the U.S. Army Support Center will also issue requisitioning instructions to the field.

□ Prep School Applications Sought—Applications are now being accepted by the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) for academic year 1969-70 which begins this August.

USMAPS prepares enlisted candidates to compete for Regular Army and Enlisted Reserve appointments to West Point. One hundred and forty of 158 enlisted graduates from the last class qualified for entrance to West Point. Enrollment for next year will be about 280.

Applications should be submitted to reach USMAPS before June 30, 1969. Additional information may be obtained by consulting AR 350-55 or writing the Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

□ Records Needed for Discharge Processing—Personnel returned from overseas for discharge because of unfitness or unsuitability might be delayed at CONUS stations because losing units have not forwarded the individual records promptly.

In such cases, records are to be sent directly to the appropriate transfer activity by special delivery certified mail to insure receipt concurrent with or before arrival of the individual. Refer to Para 16d, AR 640-10.

□ More on Meritorious Service Medal—Design and criteria for the newly-established Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) have been approved by the Department of Defense. The medal is to rank with, but be worn after, the Bronze Star, and provides recognition for an achievement rating between the Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Medal.

Being a non-combat award, the "V" valor device cannot be worn with the medal. The MSM ribbon has the same ruby hue as the Legion of Merit with two quarter-inch white vertical stripes. All lieutenant generals and above have MSM authority, as do commanders presently permitted to award the Legion of Merit. Authority is retroactive to Jan. 16, 1969, but recipients must have served part of the cited period after that date.

The MSM will be available commercially in about 30 days and ready for issue in some 10 months. Certificates will be ready for issue within 90 days. Meanwhile, the award can be made by presenting the applicable citation and orders.

□ Nonappropriated Fund Employees Benefits—All non-appropriated fund employees have the right to participate in group health insurance plans and those employed full-time are also eligible for retirement benefits.

Applicable manuals, booklets and associated forms are available from Barrett-Gould Associates, 1901 Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Va. 22209. AR 230-2 will be published in the near future to provide detailed information on the subject.



"Park that thing some place else!"

Field Representatives Needed—Think you might like a change of pace, change of work and change of locale? You can have it if you are an E6 or E7 NCO and can qualify as a USASA Field Representative.

Field reps are now needed in Syracuse, N.Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Montgomery, Ala.; Chicago, Ill. and Minneapolis, Minn. Also, positions are always opening up in other cities across the country.

It is a challenging role in the USASA today. There is no direct supervision; representatives work in a U.S. Army recruiting station and usually have their own office.

NCOs interested should look into Section VI of the Military Personnel Procurement Manual, HQ, USASA. You get three choices of area assignment.

Send in your application to:

Commanding General
U.S. Army Security Agency
ATTN: IAAG-PP
Arlington Hall Station
Arlington, Va. 22212

Applications will be processed immediately.

Unit Savings Bond Program Awards—Agency units are eligible for various awards under the U.S. Army Savings Program, which is designed to dramatize the fact that payroll purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds helps strengthen the national economy.

The program also has the purpose of encouraging and recognizing participation in the payroll bond deduction program on a unit basis.

Awards are presented on the criteria of the number of members in a unit and the percentage of those members who are regularly purchasing bonds. The percentage must be maintained for 12 consecutive months.

A unit of 1,000 members will receive a 5- by 8-inch Minuteman Flag with 90 per cent participation, while a unit of from 500 to 999 members will receive a 3- by 5-inch Minuteman Flag for 90 per cent participation.

A Secretary of the Army Award will be presented a unit of 500 or more with 80 per cent participation; a Minuteman Award will be given to a unit of 100 or more with 75 per cent buying bonds; and a U.S. Army Savings Award will be received by a unit of less than 100 which attains 75 per cent participation.

Mr. Jones Remembers—

Forty Years at Arlington Hall

Think you've been working at Arlington Hall Station a long time?

Chances are William H. Jones has been working here quite a bit longer.

Mr. Jones, employed at headquarters building with the post engineers, celebrated his fortieth consecutive year of employment at Arlington Hall Station this past Easter.

Back in 1929 when Arlington Hall was an exclusive girls' school, Mr. Jones started working here as a chauffeur.

"As long as the cherry blossoms were out," he recalled, "I would drive the girls into Washington to see them. The traffic was always bumper-to-bumper."

When the government took over Arlington Hall in 1942, Mr. Jones stayed right where he was and simply switched employers.

Over the years Mr. Jones has witnessed many changes here.

"There was a lake right in front of headquarters building where the girls would swim and out in back was

a log cabin where cooking classes were held," he said.

According to Mr. Jones, who describes Arlington Hall in the 1930's with remarkable detail, the school's setting was almost pastoral.

Cows and hogs were raised on the



Mr. Jones stands in front of Headquarters where the lake once was.

school grounds which included a silo and a cow barn.

The only real buildings in addition to the main one were the gymnasium and two houses out front which housed the president and the dean of the school. (Today the buildings are home for the commanding general and deputy commanding general.)

The present officer's club was formerly home of the school's maintenance man.

Mr. Jones remembers a few humorous incidents connected with the school. He tells of the school's penny-pinching owner who, faced with the expensive proposition of shipping his seven horses from Arlington to Bristol, Tenn., decided to hitch them to a wagon and drive them overland.

Three employees drove the team from sunup to sundown on a trip that took 12 days. The savings?

"I think he saved about 15 cents," Mr. Jones chuckled.

That's the way it was at Arlington Hall Station. Ask Mr. Jones.



The Thaxter Ferry Bridge stretches across the Panama Canal joining North and South America.

Southern Command:

ASA South of the Border

SSM Paul Kostenbauder USASA SOUTHCOM

Since she was visited by Columbus in 1502, Panama has been host to an interesting and colorful variety of guests, many of whom have shaped the course of history.

Balboa discovered the Pacific here; Morgan the Pirate plundered and burned Panama City; the 49ers crossed the Isthmus en route to California gold; and engineers came and built the famed canal here.

Today Panama finds herself host to the men of USASA Southern Command whose deeds history may regard as less colorful, but certainly significant. The command has a unique role in support of the joint U.S. Southern Command—whose responsibilities stretch from Mexico to the southernmost tip of South America—while serving the U.S. Army Southern Command as well.

USASA SOUTHCOM, although not officially organized as a command of the U.S. Army Security Agency until 1949, has a history which predates World War II.

The Panama Detachment, 2d Signal Service Company, which supported the U.S. Army Panama Canal Department at Quarry Heights as early as 1939 preceded USASA in Panama.

ASA Caribbean, established in 1949, provided support to the U.S. Army Caribbean at Quarry Heights until 1952 when it was relocated at Ft. Kobe, C.Z. In 1961, the unit was reorganized and reestablished with a headquarters

at Ft. Clayton and an operational site at Chiva Chiva in the Canal Zone.

Commanded today by LTC William C. Davidson, USASA SOUTHCOM now includes the 401st SOD at Ft. Gulick, commanded by CPT Clinton R. Bailey, which is attached to the 8th Special Forces Group.

SOUTHCOM facilities are located at Ft. Clayton, the largest military installation near the Pacific terminus of the canal. Two large multi-storied buildings, designed to catch every tropical breeze, provide comfortable billets and also house the mess hall, mail, supply and orderly room, and recreational facilities.

Dependent schooling is provided by the Panama Canal Company and is one of the best U.S. school systems to be found outside the continental United States.

Inexpensive and readily available transportation throughout Central and South America affords the opportunity for virtually unlimited travel throughout the area.

Old Panama City, 15 miles from the Fort, usually ranks first on the newcomer's list. Toboga Island (the Acapulco of Panama) and the cities of Porto Bello and New Panama City are all within a leisurely weekend excursion.

Excellent beaches, well-rounded social activities, and prices that are hard to believe, characterize all of the resorts in Panama.

For the sportsman Panama leaves little to be desired. The name of the country itself in Indian means "abundance of fish," which any angler will soon find appropriate. Game also flourishes in Panama and great hunting is only two to three hours away.

Sites of historical interest in Panama are easily accessible. An hour's ride on the Panama Railroad, which parallels the canal, will carry one from coast to coast over the same route the 49ers travelled.

Not far from the Atlantic terminal of the railroad is Ft. San Lorenzo. Built by the Spanish to guard the mouth of the Chagres River, it marks the site of Columbus' landing in Panama. The country is rich in examples of pre-Columbian culture too.



SOUTHCOM's headquarters reflects tropical location.

There are a half dozen golf courses within five miles of Ft. Clayton and a nine-hole course less than a five-minute walk away. Swimming in fresh-water pools or at one of the beaches becomes a daily activity for most of the personnel here. Shelling, scuba and snorkel diving, boating and water skiing round out the activities available to the salt-water enthusiast.

Civic action and a sense of responsibility to the community are manifested by ASA representation in such activities as Scouting, religious organizations, teaching English at the local Panama-North American Association



A ship passes through Miraflores Locks near Ft. Clayton.

and a host of other activities.

Most significant, perhaps, is the support rendered Escuela Sonadora. This small, remote Panamanian school which the command has "adopted" is helped in one way or another by nearly every member of the command in the course of his tour of duty.

The pride and spirit of the command is reflected in the unit motto, "Seguridad y Competencia," meaning security and competence. The unit is known for its excellent security and the professional competence with which it carries out assigned missions and responsibilities.

ASA soldiers find Panama a land of contrast . . . dense green jungles contrast with wide white beaches; primitive life of the Cun and Croco Indians with the modern cosmopolitan Panama City; the natives in dugout cayucas with the largest ocean-going tankers as they go through the canal for world ports.

In this tropical setting, against a rich background of history, men of SOUTHCOM exercise their skills as distinctive members of the USASA family.



The Ft. Clayton Golf Course, left, offers a good chance for relaxation for the men of SOUTHCOM. "Escuela Sondora" is the small Panamanian school supported by



the command in a number of ways. Right, the Miraflores Locks on the Panama Canal stand in front of Ft. Clayton and the hills of Panama in the background.

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron
Command
Sergeant Major



CSM Clifford L. Charron retires next month as ASA's Command Sergeant Major. He will be succeeded by CSM William C. Dials who is presently stationed at the Support Group, Ft. Meade, Md. CSM Charron, the top enlisted man in the Agency for the past three years, has contributed his "As I see It" column to THE HALLMARK since the first issue. This is the sergeant major's farewell column.

After 26 years of military service, which includes three as your command sergeant major, I will pass the colors of the Army Security Agency to CSM William C. Dials on July 1.

I want to thank each of you for the privilege of knowing and serving with you. All of you have contributed to that exceptional image the command has today.

Last month we dedicated our memorial to those ASA soldiers killed in action. I was honored to have as my luncheon guest on the day of the dedication Mrs. John Martin, mother of SP5 Samuel C. Martin who was killed in action in May 1968.

When Mrs. Martin told me, "I am proud of my sons and proud that they served in ASA," I have never in my 26 years service been more proud that I wore the ASA shoulder insignia on my uniform.

Soldiers in ASA serve in every part of the world with pride and dignity; they know they are America's first line of defense.

These past three years as command sergeant major have been the highlight of my military career. As I step aside,

I know I'll miss this way of life; I'll miss wearing the uniform of my country and, especially, I'll miss serving with you.

I will never stop wondering in amazement how much *you* have contributed to make this command what it is today.

In the closing months of my service so much has happened—activities like the Command Sergeants Major Conference, the dedication of the ASA Memorial, and our fourth military ball. In addition to all this, my wife and I celebrated our silver wedding anniversary.

What more could any man ask for in life? I thank God for allowing me to serve Him on this earth. I thank the United States Army for a full and rewarding career and I thank each of you for a job well done.

CSM Dials, the ASA colors are true, blue, and proud; I know you will take good care of them.



—Flag Day—

June 14, 1777. The august Continental Congress of the United States was in session. A resolution was being read:

"... That the flag of the Thirteen United States be thirteen stripes; alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

A new constellation. America had symbolically entered the growing galaxy of nations, bearing a colorful, inspiring banner. It was proclaiming, with a physical emblem, its readiness to assume a responsible role in international relations. It was asserting its determination to bring the blessings of democracy to all people, of all color, of all nations and of all creeds.

As America has grown in size, prosperity and maturity of purpose,

Old Glory has lost that original design as described above. But the meaning it carried with it then remains the same today.

Old Glory has been a faithful servant, one of whose employment is not likely to come to an end so long as this nation embraces the principles on which it was founded.

June 14 marks yet another occasion of importance in American heritage. On that date, in 1775, the US Army was born. As Old Glory was delivered into this world to proclaim, in symbol, the American dedication to worldwide democracy, the U.S. Army was founded to preserve that democracy. As the Flag has served its purpose well, the Army has also met its challenge. And with equal resolve, it too, will continue to serve for so long as it is needed.

—Mutual Funds—

From the
Bavarian Observer

Bad Aibling—The most popular form of investment today, especially for the young man with a little extra money to invest, is the mutual fund.

Mutual funds offer the usually neophyte investor promise of a minimum investment with maximum gain.

Recently, it became evident many of these funds—although beyond reproach and with the most reputable salesman—are in fact bad investments.

One unit member here lost \$686 in the first year of investing because he failed to look into the situation adequately. To prevent others from losing considerable amounts of money here are five rules which one should apply before investing.

1. Check the performance of the future fund against other funds of the same type.

2. Look for a fund that has performed well over the years.

3. Find a fund with no sales charge, if possible.

4. Get the exact amount of money that will be siphoned off for salesman's fees, administrative expenses and management fees.

5. If the plan concentrates the bulk of the sales charge into the first couple of years (this is known as front end load) DON'T BUY IT.



HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Julian W. Wells (2), John S. Wilson.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Charles R. Bradley, Peter J. Marco, John S. O'Conner.

MAJOR: Ralph V. Lemes, Richard L. Williams.

CAPTAIN: Paul R. Edson, Albert Merz, James L. Minetree, Jr.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Brice Pyles.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: John E. Scagliotti.

MASTER SERGEANT: Glen R. Bryce, Robert J. Lullo.

Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN: Robert L. Duley.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Richard L. Klinger, Ernest Sine.

SPECIALIST 6: John Rogers.

SPECIALIST 5: John Dean Jr., Thomas H. Proctor.

SPECIALIST 4: David A. Walls.

Meritorious Service Medal

MAJOR: Anthony H. Newton.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Alexander Jones Jr.

Air Medal

CAPTAIN: Robert L. Duley, Leo B. Virant.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Kermit L. Hall.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Ronald L. Reiner.

STAFF SERGEANT: Ronald N. Frahm (1-17).

SPECIALIST 5: Edwin Blocker.

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: David A. Forsythe, Eleanor A. Gaynor (2), Leonard H. Grodsky, Mary M. Morris.

MAJOR: Joe L. Alexander, Robert H. Cooper (1), David R. Cumber (1), David W. Gledhill, Richard R. Gonya, Richard A. Johnson, Thomas J. Kelly (1), Floyd D. McLeroy, Derek J. Thiessen (1).

CAPTAIN: Charles D. Burdick, Lloyd E. Clark (1), Wayne Cramer (1), Ray-

mond A. Gosselin (1), Nelson S. Grome III, Richard E. Jones, Frederick V. Knox Jr. (1), Charles P. Lamb, Thomas J. Longfellow, Thomas M. Miller, Joseph D. Mrozinski, Ralph E. Parkhouse (1), James N. Reynolds, John C. Walker (2).

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Frederic G. Berner Jr., John T. Kontogeanes, James C. Minbeer, Robert B. Senyohl.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Moses W. Howard (3), Wallace H. Lane (1), Jerry O. Moore (4).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Jeremiah J. Sullivan (2).

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Harold R. Carney, Arthur L. Ellis, Charles L. Fairchild, Robert L. Fairchild, Hartwell H. Hubble (1), James A. Melton (1), Bobbie R. Newton, Clarence Slusser, Clarence W. Thompson, Willard R. Webber.

WARRANT OFFICER: Vincent J. Durante.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR: Martin Blasko (1).

FIRST SERGEANT: Robert A. Firth Jr., Harold A. Morris (1), Franklin Stitzman, William A. White.

MASTER SERGEANT: William J. Christian, Stephen L. Dorgan, Edward F. Gibson, James Jorgensen, Albert E. Lozar, Kenneth V. Meadows (3), James C. Mellen, Richard G. Mellick (1), Chester D. Morgan, Davis K. Robbins, Lyle E. Russell, Charlie H. Shannon.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Darrell D. Anderson (1), Ralph Bare, Alvin B. Q. Chang (1), John W. Clifford (1), Donald L. Evilsizor, James O. Few, Clarence E. Floyd, James T. Forbus, Richard F. Harrison, John D. Holt (1), Norman F. Inman, David T. Johnson Jr., John W. Johnson (1), Lila I. Kellgren, Robert C. Kobett, Galen P. Lane, Herbert V. Lloyd, Daniel D. McLachlan, Paul W. Miller (1), Thomas R. Norton, Francis J. Pfannestiel, Ronald L. Reiner, John D. Thompson, Thomas D. Wilkenson.

STAFF SERGEANT: Arthur H. Cantrell, Richard C. Early, Ronald N. Frahm, Harold A. Hunt, Robert E.

Kirk, Eric P. Le Beau, Robert E. Martin, Donal H. McAllister, John J. Parnow, James H. Setty, John E. Shelton, Sheridan L. Rutherford, Wayne W. Vagtborg, Vernon H. Wilson, James B. Young.

SPECIALIST 6: Wesley A. Brockway, Richard Frye, Michael H. McCormack, Danny M. Wall.

SERGEANT: Toby Martinez.

SPECIALIST 5: Richard P. Athanas, Samuel D. Bays, Danny D. Bookout, Wayne P. Carpenter, Ralph E. Dewey, Jerry A. Droke, Robert A. Fischer, Rudolph R. Gondeck, Charles E. Gubler, Thomas Hines, Kenneth W. Hippel, Samuel F. Hiser Jr., Clyde James, John F. Joffrion, Russel R. Lavere, Jack E. McKenzie, John M. Mitchell, Gene Nakata, Michael E. Otte, Willard E. Payne, Leonard Ray, Ernest R. Rochester, Terry R. Smith, Allen R. Stansbury, Robert L. Weise, Stephen A. Wolff, Marcus W. York.

SPECIALIST 4: William L. Aston, Carroll S. Crews, Glen R. Davis, Charles Easton, Gary P. Ensley, William G. Fletcher, Robert France, Myron K. Fullerton, Stephen I. Garvin, Norman E. Lawson, Douglas L. Nelson, Terry Spade, Gerald A. Taylor.

Promotions

To LIEUTENANT COLONEL: John R. Chandler, William C. Foster, Charles M. Fowler, Owen H. Knox.

To MAJOR: William H. Campbell, Herbert D. Pond.

To CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: James E. Harnish.

To E9: La Verne C. Benson.

To E8: Bruce C. Bertmeyer, George S. Brown, Robert H. Galloway, Robert I. Long, Bernard H. McCollum, Ferdinand W. O'Donnell, Paul D. Reddin, Clifford A. Taylor, James E. Welch, William Westfall.

To E7: Bobby L. Adams, James P. Hall, Jesse M. Jones Jr., Peter E. O'Neal, Lee E. Pryor, Kenneth E. Rose, James V. Stephenson, Jesse A. Teenie.



R AND R REPORT

USASA sports, recreation and entertainment



SP4 Greg Lonsky, right, and PFC Dale Maricle found the Cherry Blossom Festival most enjoyable when they met Corabell Bennett, Miss Oklahoma, and Gayle Rothook, Miss Oregon, before the crowning ceremonies began.

(Photo by PFC Dennis Maxwell)

FESTIVAL

Virginia—Washington D.C. was in full bloom recently for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival Parade and Pageant. The Special Services at Arlington Hall Station sponsored an excursion to the festival.

The festival which started May 7th and ended May 12th, closed with a colorful parade down Constitution Avenue followed by a pageant at the Sylvan Theater where Miss Utah was crowned Cherry Blossom Queen.

DINING

Germany—The officers of the 507th USASA Group recently attended a Dine-In honoring LTC Daniel W. Tierney, departing Commander of the 318th USASA Battalion.

A Dine-In is an old military custom, combining rigid formality with stylized absurdity. The group's junior commissioned officer, 1LT Dwight J. Hempel, served as "Mr. Vice," responsible for protocol decisions and levying fines (real money fines) for both real and imagined offenses against anything at all.

BASEBALL

Canal Zone—The Inter-Company Softball League, ASASC, closed the first half of its season recently with Trick One taking first place. The NCOs and ASA officers entered for the first time this season and much to their displeasure wound up in the basement. The NCO-Officer team finished sixth with an 0-5 record.

SIDE KICK—Mrs. Sue Wenger breaks a one-inch board using a side kick. Mrs. Wenger, one of the many dependents enrolled in the Tae Kwon Do course, is well on her way to earning a Black Belt. (Photo by SP5 Richard E. Thomas II, 83rd RRSOU)

AUTO RACING

Canal Zone—SP5 Robert W. Dickert in his Triumph TR 4A, recently captured the Isthmian Auto Association 8th Annual Panama Grand Prix, at France Field, C.Z.

Bob chauffeured his machine against 30 of the best drivers and cars from Panama and the Canal Zone over a track which presented a 100-mile teaser on a 2-mile course. Top end was pushed to a blistering 125 mph on the straightaways, dropping to a 20 mph-crawl in the hairpin curves.

TAE KWON DO

Thailand—Grunts, groans and shouts of "Keeya" mark a normal day for Tae Kwon Do devotees of the 83d RRSOU, Thailand. Classes have begun at the 83d under the tutelage of Dong Keun Park, a 6th Dan Black Belt from the Ji Do Kwan Club of Seoul, Korea.

"Tae Kwon Do" in Korean means "the art of punches and kicks." Tae Kwon Do, as opposed to Japanese-style karate, incorporates the use of the feet almost to the exclusion of the hands as an offensive weapon.

In the history of Tae Kwon Do at the 83d, only five men have attained the coveted black belt, and only one of these, SP5 Michael A. Pleskovich, is still at the 83d.



CHESS

Germany—A combined Army-Air Force chess team defeated a British Armed Forces squad 11-5 in a recent Munich chess tourney. Five men from Herzo Base figured prominently in the scoring.



The Herzo Flyers—back row, Coach J. B. Smith, Mike Henry, Curt Crittenden, Jim Beem, Rick Taylor, John Self and Lynn Ehlers. Front row, Brad Leibold, Phil Jackson, Dan Guinn, Don Rassbach and Gary Anderson.



1LT Thomas R. Fennelly demonstrating the stance that led him to victory in the Freestyle and Greco-Roman USAFE Championships recently in Berlin.

VOLLEYBALL

Florida—USASA Field Station, Homestead, recently finished second in the Homestead AFB Volleyball Championship losing only to Company H, U.S. Marine Corps, in the playoffs. ASA came from behind after losing a squeaker to the Marines and tied the series at one apiece.

WRESTLING

Ethiopia—1LT Thomas R. Fennelly returned to Kagnew Station a proud champion recently after he literally crushed all competition in the U.S. Air Force Europe wrestling tourney.

The 5-foot 7-inch, 220-pound grappler won first place in the 220-pound weight class in freestyle competition and in the heavyweight class in Greco-Roman competition, one of the oldest forms of wrestling, which involves wrestling from the waist up only.

The 3-day tourney hosted 50 wrestlers from six countries. The 23-year-old lieutenant won five matches to claim both titles and of those five, four were pins and the other a 3-1 decision. He was selected to participate in the worldwide championships at George Air Force Base, Calif., but declined because of the length of time involved.

BASKETBALL

Germany—The Herzo Flyers, post basketball team which competed in the COMMZ Eastern League, closed out their season with a 12-10 record, good enough for third place in the conference. However, this doesn't signal the end of basketball for them, the team will compete in the 3d Annual Chiefs double elimination tournament.

FENCING

Germany—SP5 Robert Kirby, HQ Co, Herzo, won first place in the Mid-Franconian Foil Tournament recently held in Nurnberg.

Kirby, the only soldier on the German team, defeated 17 fencers to capture the title. The previous day he took second place in a similar epee tournament, being denied first place in a sudden-death playoff.

"Golf nut" SFC Eugene Conn, right, was not about to let an uncooperative weatherman prevent him from taking the first swing of the season at Herzo Base Steel Trees Golf Course and Driving Range. SP5 Joe O'Neil and SGT Roger Anderson, despite gale winds and low temperatures, opened the course on schedule.



Mission Accomplishment Stressed At Commanders—CSM's Conference

The fifth annual Commanders—Command Sergeants Major Conference was held at Headquarters, Arlington Hall Station, May 5-9, 1969.

Thirty conferees attended the Commanders Conference while 21 gathered for the Command Sergeants Major portion of the conference.

The conferees represented Agency units in all parts of the world.

The unifying theme of this year's conference was expressed by COL Arthur W. Hackwood, then DCSOPS, in the keynote address given before the group in the opening session of the conference.

"The accomplishment of our operational mission," he said, "is the sole reason for the existence of this command. Daily satisfaction of the operational mission is paramount."

COL Hackwood delivered the keynote address following the official greeting to the conferees by MG

Charles J. Denholm, commanding general, and CSM Clifford L. Charron.

Two special guests at the conference were LTG Marshall S. Carter, director of the National Security Agency, and GEN Bruce Palmer Jr., Army Vice-Chief of Staff.

LTG Carter was the guest speaker at the opening day of the conference while GEN Palmer attended the fourth day for a brief talk.

The topics discussed at this year's meeting of the top officers and NCOs in ASA ranged from the Agency's role in the national cryptologic system to ASA's logistic posture to the status of enlisted promotions.

The first two days of the conference were directed toward the actual performance of the Agency mission and current subjects of importance in the personnel field, such as officer requisition ceilings and senior enlisted status.

Wednesday's agenda dealt with



LTC Howard accepts the Commanding General's Plaque for FS Herzogenaurach. The plaque is awarded each year to the unit ASA's Commanding General decides has best accomplished the Army Security Agency mission.

(Photo by SP4 John E. Wainwright)

topics such as aviation and the mission and an examination of several of ASA's Pacific commands.

On the fourth day of the conference the subject of support was the main topic. Logistics, telecommunications, and manpower and equipment authorizations were discussed before the conferees.

The conference ended with presentations on security and awards and decorations.

On the final day, the ASA Memorial was formally dedicated. THE HALLMARK plans a special feature on the dedication in the July edition.

Comments from the commanding general indicated this was an informative and beneficial gathering for all members in the command.

CSM Charron was similarly enthusiastic, noting that the Command Sergeants Major brought with them 67 recommendations on improving such things as grade structure, MOS utilization, port calls and pro-pay testing.

One of the specific recommendations, CSM Charron reported, was that ASA soldiers, because of schooling and special skills, be promoted to E5 without regard to vacancies.



Commanders in attendance: (1st row from left) COL W. G. Lundy; COL T. F. Hooper; BG G. A. Godding; BG F. W. Collins; MG C. J. Denholm; BG J. H. Keller; COL M. M. Lawson; COL R. W. DesJarlais; COL V. E. Robbins; (2d row from left) LTC J. J. Masters; COL J. W. Wells; COL E. T. Bratton; COL G. R. Hamer; COL R. E. Holland; COL L. J. Fischer; COL R. A. Grodin; COL H. E. Otiker; LTC R. C. Jachens; LTC W. C. Davidson; (3rd row from left) LTC J. P. Karpicky; LTC B. E. Slesinger; LTC J. H. Jacobus; LTC R. W. Wright; LTC D. R. Arena; LTC E. S. Sanford; LTC W. F. Vernau; LTC L. L. Ryan; LTC G. J. Beshens; LTC W. H. Ellis; MAJ H. L. Wilson III.

(Photo by SP4 Enoch D. Organ)

This recommendation was approved by the sergeants major and forwarded to the proper authorities at Headquarters.

One of the highlights of the week was the presentation of awards.

The USASA newspaper awards were presented to the individual commanders of winning units. In addition to the command award, BG Fred W. Collins, Chief USASA Europe, was presented a Department of the Army Newspaper Award for the Frankfurter Forum.

BG George A. Godding, chief USASA Pacific, accepted several ASA newspaper awards for units in his command, including a certificate for "spectacular photographic art" to the Chitose Courier.

The 1968 Safety Award (Large-unit Category) was awarded USASAFS Asmara, commanded by COL George R. Hamer. The winner in the small unit category was USASAFS Homestead, under LTC Warren H. Ellis' command.

FS Two Rock Ranch, commanded by LTC William F. Vernau, received an honorable mention in the small unit category.

The commanding general's plaque—awarded annually to the unit that best accomplishes the mission of ASA—was presented to USASAFS Herzogenaurach.

LTC Joseph D. Howard, commander, accepted the plaque amidst an outburst of applause from the conferees.

One of the special guests at the conference, GEN Palmer spoke briefly to the commanders on various aspects of the cryptologic community. He prefaced his remarks by noting that: "Everyone in the Army, from the Chief of Staff on down, is fully aware of ASA's achievement world-wide."

A big winner of the week was ASA's Benefit Association, which now boasts assets of more than \$88,000.

LTC and Mrs. William C. Davidson and CSM David O. Paxton presented MG Denholm with a \$3,000 check for the Benefit Association from the people of USASA Southern Command. COL Leonard J. Fischer and SSM Robert L. Snyder also presented a check to the commanding general for the Benefit Association on behalf of the personnel at Ft. Huachuca's Test and Evaluation Center.

The real value of the conference may not be known until sometime in the future. As MG Denholm pointed out in his welcome letter to the conferees: "The success of the conference will be measured directly by the aid it provides us in accomplishing our vital mission."



LTG Marshall S. Carter, Director, NSA, addressed the conferees on the opening day of the week-long meeting.



GEN Palmer addresses conferees . . .



Commanding Sergeants Major in attendance: (1st row from left) CSM F. G. Lormand; CSM E. L. Q. Rice; CSM W. C. Dials; CSM C. L. Charron; CSM W. Prudhomme; CSM D. Ofl Paxton; CSM R. W. Myers; (2d row from left) CSM J. D. Kelly; CSM H. J. Coleman; CSM D. G. Fields; CSM R. E. Holder; CSM J. E. Boyette; CSM H. F. Smith; CSM J. C. Anderson; SSM F. M. Lee; (3d row from left) 1SG C. L. McGaillard; SSM W Jones; CSM D. L. Martin; CSM D. R. Shiedler; SSM R. L. Snyder; SSM L. G. Holton.

(Photo by PFC Esteban Gamboa)



. . . then engages in a conversation with MG Denholm before departing.
(Photos by PFC Esteban Gamboa)



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USASA Southern Command's unauthorized crest bears a motto that could be routinely applied to all Agency personnel throughout the world: "Seguridad y Competencia," meaning "Security and Competence" to all those who "comprenden" Spanish. Components of the crest are the land mass of Panama (SOUTHCOM Headquarters is located in the Canal Zone), a torch, an eagle's talon clutching a lightning bolt and a ship at sea. The lightning bolt symbolizes the Agency's concern with rapid communications, both friendly and hostile, which is a dual role in the grasp of the ASA eagle talon. The torch signifies knowledge and the Maltese Cross-bearing ship is the U.S. Army Southern Command insignia.